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Re: HF 4282 (Witte) Persons detained in jails provided medications

Dear Chair Paul Novonty, Chair Kelly Moller and Members of the House Public Safety Finance & Policy Committee,

On behalf of Minnesota Freedom Fund Action, I am writing to express our support for HF 4282, as amended.

Earlier in this session, we opposed HF 4282 due to concerns that it would remove critical safeguards ensuring continuity of care and informed medical decision-making for people detained in Minnesota's jails. As outlined in our previous letter, we were particularly concerned about the removal of requirements for consultation with original prescribers and the weakening of patient-centered protections in highly controlled detention settings .

We appreciate the author and stakeholders for working collaboratively to address these concerns. The amended language reflects meaningful improvements that help preserve essential safeguards while clarifying medical decision-making processes in correctional settings.

People in custody often enter jail with existing medical, mental health, or substance use needs. In these environments, where individuals have limited ability to advocate for themselves, it is critical that policies prioritize continuity of care, transparency, and accountability. The amended bill moves closer to that standard by reinforcing the role of qualified medical professionals and ensuring clearer protections around how medication decisions are made.

This progress reflects what is possible when policymakers and community advocates work together to strengthen legislation. While we remain committed to ensuring that people in detention receive safe, consistent, and informed medical care, we believe the amended version of HF 4282 represents a step in the right direction.

We urge the committee to support HF 4282 as amended.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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